

# **BAT YAM MATTERS**

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#### **BAT YAM – TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS**

A Jewish congregation serving residents and guests of Sanibel, Captiva, Fort Myers, and surrounding communities, creating an extended Jewish family and providing a place of worship in the Reform tradition

#### **DECEMBER 2018 BAT YAM WORSHIP**

Services on December 7, 14, 21, and 28 will be in Fellowship Hall at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and begin at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Stephen Fuchs will lead the services, with prayers chanted by Cantor Murray Simon, accompanied by pianist Abigail Allison.

PLEASE NOTE: The December 7 Shabbat service is the Chanukkah celebration. Congregants should bring their own menorahs.

#### OUR THANKS TO THE NOVEMBER ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS

November 2	Marge and Mark Peppercorn
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November 9 Karen and Don Bachman and Sandy and Stuart Berke

November 16 Helene and Alan Smith and Edina Lessack

November 23 Deborah Gurman and Conald Breiter, Junice Block Chaddock

and Ronald Chaddock, and Cheryl and Barry Fulmer

November 30 Nancy and Ed Greenberg and Maria and Peter Hochschild

#### SPECIAL SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 12

Bat Yam's Social Action Committee will hold a special meeting in Heron Hall of SCUCC on Wednesday, December 12, at 10:00 a.m. to brainstorm what we as a congregation can do to help at least some of the asylum-seeker families at our Southern border who have been victims of inhumane hate and violence. All congregation members are urged to attend.

Garry Weiss

Chair, Social Action Committee

### Monthly Paper Products Collection

There will be bins outside SCUCC at the first Shabbat service of the month for donations for the joint Bat Yam and SCUCC Paper Goods Drive. Please bring toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, diapers, etc., to be donated to F.I S.H. (Friends in Service Here).

#### SHABBAT MORNING CLASSES

Shabbat morning classes are held in Fellowship Hall at SCUCC. They begin with Hebrew reading instruction taught by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. They continue with Bible Conversations with Rabbi Fuchs from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by sessions presented by congregants from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

The December congregant presentations will focus on music, poetry, and love in The Bible.

#### December 1

Musical Gems Inspired by the Bible and What They Mean – Cantor Murray Simon and Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

#### **December 8**

Jewish Poets and Poetry from Psalms to Songs – Tanya Hochschild

#### December 15

Love in The Bible – Edina Lessack

#### December 22

No classes – winter break

January sessions will focus on The Bible, doctors, and medicine.

#### January 5

Medicine in the Bible - Dr. Michael Derechin

#### January 12

The Seven Species and their Remarkable Nutritional Value – Dr. Ellen Feingold

#### January 19

Medical School Admission Practices, Quotas for Jews, and So Forth – Dr. David Berger

#### January 26

Health Tips and Myths – Dr. Mort Tavel

February classes will focus on Jewish History and Ancestry – Little-Known Facts.

#### February 2

Jewish Ancestry - Arthur Sissman

#### February 9

Jewish History in Key West and Elsewhere in Florida – Marcia Rudin

Our thanks to Vickie Fuchs for organizing these themes and presenters. Please contact her at <a href="mailto:vfuchs@gmail.com">vfuchs@gmail.com</a> if you want to present a future session. Watch future issues of Bat Yam Matters for additional plans for this season's classes.

#### RABBI FUCHS REFLECTS

## **Chanukah: What Really Happened**

Long ago in Judaea (about 165 BCE), it was a time of peace and prosperity. The Assyrian Greeks and their King Antiochus ruled over Judea, but they were content to leave the Jews alone as long as they paid their taxes and there was peace in the streets. At this time there were basically two types of Jews living in Judaea. There were Jews who were loyal to their religion and to our Covenant with God. They understood that God had called Abraham and Sarah and their descendants (who included them and us today) to



- 1. Be a blessing
- 2. Follow God's teachings and live worthy lives
- 3. Use their talents to create a society built on justice and righteousness.

These Jews believed that if they did these things, then in return, God would:

- 1. Protect them
- 2. Give them children
- 3. Make them a permanent people
- 4. Keep them safe in their ancient land, the land then known as Judaea.



Rabbi Stephen Fuchs delivering a prayer at the Sanibel Veterans Day Program on November 11

There was another group of Jews at that time as well. Most of them were wealthy and thought it would be to their advantage if they were more like the Greeks. They thought their Jewish customs and religious celebrations made it harder to have good relationships and make profitable business relationships with wealthy Greek businessmen. In order to accomplish this goal, this second group of Jews stopped practicing their religion. They wanted to see Judaea become a Greek city-state. If that happened, Judaea could coin its own money, which would be a great advantage

in business. instead of studying Torah and going to services in the synagogue, they hung out in the Greek gymnasia where they could make lots of good business contacts.

Well, to make a long story short, there was so much tension between these two groups of Jews that soon they started fighting with each other.

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(Rabbi Fuchs Reflects, continued)

When he saw that there was violence in the streets of Judaea, Antiochus sent his troops in. He outlawed all Jewish practice and polluted the Temple with idols of Greek gods, and offered sacrifice of pigs (a forbidden animal for Jews) to them.

The Maccabees fought against the Assyrian-Greeks for three years and finally drove the foreign troops out of Judaea. They fought for the first time in history for the cause of religious liberty.

And they won! The lesson, though, is an important one for today. When we take our Judaism for granted, when we neglect to study and practice it, we endanger its survival. That is the real lesson of Chanukah.

## Your Rabbi, Stephen Fuchs

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I invite you to follow my blog at <a href="www.findingourselvesinbiblicalnarratives.com">www.findingourselvesinbiblicalnarratives.com</a>.

Please note: my website (<a href="www.rabbifuchs.com">www.rabbifuchs.com</a>) has a Bat Yam tab that leads to a number of wonderful photos of some events that took place during the past season, including my summer activities in Germany.

## JOINT SCUCC-BAT YAM ISRAEL TRIP SOLD OUT; WAITING LIST CREATED

Rabbi Fuchs and Pastor John Danner of SCUCC will lead "Growing and Learning Together," an exciting trip to Israel from April 29 through May 10, 2019. The trip will feature visits to numerous historical sites, as well as an examination of Israel's place in the modern world.

Early response has been gratifying, and pre-registrants from members of the two congregations have filled the trip. However, because plans often change, the two trip leaders invite any congregants, as well as people from outside the Bat Yam and SCUCC communities, who would like to participate in the trip to put their names on a waiting list. In the event that any of the pre-registrants cancel, first consideration for moving up from the waiting list to become a participant will be given to congregants.

If you wish to join the waiting list, please send youir name, phone number, and email address with a \$250 per person check (made out to SCUCC, with "Israel Trip" on the memo line) to Ms. Sandy Simmons, SCUCC, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel FL 33957. The deposit is fully refundable if the group cannot accommodate you.

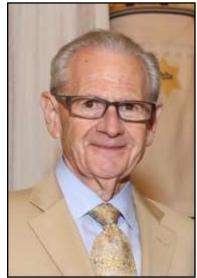
Visit the Bat Yam website (http://www.batyam.org/) to see a detailed Itinerary.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The killings that took place at the Tree of Life Synagogue in November were devastating. The killer's goal was to kill Jews. Why! Because they were Jews! To those who survived the Holocaust or were children of those who survived, the hope and belief over much of the past seven decades was that Jews would be safe and secure. Instead, hate crimes against individual Jews or their institutions continues. In fact, it seems as though the number and severity of these crimes is on the rise.

Steve Lipman, writing in the November 2, 2018, issue of *The Jewish Week*, chronicled a dark history of anti-Semitism in the U.S, citing The Anti-Defamation League's list of some of the major anti-Semitic attacks that have taken place in this country since the early twentieth century:

**1915** – Leo Frank, a factory superintendent in Atlanta who was convicted of the murder of a 13-year-old girl, is kidnapped in prison and lynched in Marietta by a group of prominent citizens who objected to the state's governor's commutation of Frank's life prison sentence.



**1958 –** A firebomb planted by white supremacists extensively damages The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation Temple in Atlanta (better known as The Temple), whose rabbi is an outspoken opponent of segregation.

**1977 –** Hanafi Muslims take over the B'nai Brith national office building in Washington during a 40-hour hostage standoff.

**1977** – One man is killed and one injured when a white supremacist shoots worshippers at a bar mitzvah at Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel Congregation in Richmond Heights, Missouri.

1984 - A neo-Nazi group firebombs the Ahavath Israel synagogue in Boise, Idaho.

**1990 –** JDL founder Rabbi Meir Kahane is assassinated in Manhattan by El-Sayyid Nosair, an Egyptian-born U.S. citizen.

**1991 –** Black residents of Crown Heights riot against the neighborhood's Chasidic residents after two children of Guyanese immigrants are accidentally struck by a car in the motorcade of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

**1994 –** Rashid Baz, a convert to radical Islamism, opens fire on a van of Lubavitch rabbinical students on the Brooklyn Bridge, killing one person and injuring two.

**1999 –** A member of the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations group carries out a shooting attack at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Grenada Hills, California.

**2000** – Two Palestinian American men set fire to Temple Beth El in Syracuse, N.Y.

**2002 –** Hisham Muhammad Ali Hedayet, a native of Egypt, kills two people during a shooting spree at the El Al counter at LAX airport in Los Angeles.

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**2006 –** A radicalized Muslim with a history of psychological issues kills one person and wounds five others in a shooting attack at the Jewish Federation of Seattle.

**2009 –** A white supremacist kills a security guard in a shooting attack at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

**2014 –** A neo-Nazi kills three people in a shooting attack at the JCC and Jewish retirement facility in Overland Park, Kansas.

**2017 –** White nationalists march on the University of Virginia campus chanting, "Jews will not replace us!"

**2018 –** Eleven people are killed in a shooting spree during Shabbat morning at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.

In a recent mailing by The Holocaust Museum in Naples, Susan Suarez provides some very telling statistics, which should be of great concern to all of us:

"A recent survey found that many adults lack basic knowledge of what happened – and this lack of knowledge is more pronounced among people ages 18-34, often referred to as millennials. Forty-one percent of Americans, and 66 percent of millennials, do not know what happened at Auschwitz. Thirty-one percent of Americans, and 41 percent of millennials, believe that only two million or fewer Jews were killed in the Holocaust; the actual number is at least six million. Our work is more important than ever!"

And finally, I quote from Amit Deri, founder and CEO of Reservists on Duty, from his article that appeared in Jerusalem Post:

"The Pittsburgh synagogue murderer is a classic anti-Semite who believes one thing is certain: Jews have no right to live. Anti-Semitism is a hatred that enables its adherents to blame everything on Jews, attributing to them all the paranoid delusions that the irrationally hateful suffer from....

"In the increasingly identity-centric world I encounter on campuses, where the world is conveniently divided between the privileged and the oppressed, the real loser is human dignity. In the current calculus, Israel – and by extension and increasingly explicitly Jews – are privileged oppressors. Unworthy. Not deserving of common decency and respect. Anti-Semitism thrives in this landscape.

"Anti-Semitism is ultimately civilization's acid test of decency. When it is tolerated, the floodgates of hatred and inhumanity will open in truly horrific fashion."

These new realities (or ones that have never left us) remind us that *we cannot be silent*. We must stand up and speak out, not only when Jews are attacked or maligned, but also for any group that is targeted. *Never forget*.

Sadly, for the members of Bat Yam and every Jewish institution, we must now add a new line to our annual budget – police security at all our events. The cost to Bat Yam to provide this security will be \$12,000. Thankfully, one of our members, after experiencing the reassuring presence of the policeman on duty, wrote out a check for \$1,000.

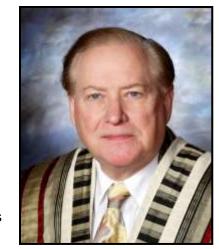
Shalom.

Alan Lessack

# CANTOR SIMON ANNOUNCES BAT YAM'S FUN(D)RAISING EVENT IN FEBRUARY

On February 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., we will be treated to a musical afternoon titled "Sanibel Celebration: Three Cantors and a Pastor." The singers will be the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, senior pastor of SCUCC, *Bat Yam's* host church; Cantor Randy Herman, *Bet Torah*, Mt. Kisco, New York; Cantor Elizabeth Shammash, *Tiferet Bet Isrel*, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania; and Cantor Murray Simon. Toby Simon will be the piano accompanist. **Don't Miss this Extraordinary Event!!** 

One guest cantor, Elizabeth Shammash, was profiled in the November issue of *Bat Yam* Matters. Cantor Randy Herman is the other guest cantor. Descended from performing



vaudevillian grandparents on one side and Eastern European orthodox Jews on the other, Cantor Herman seemed destined to integrate the worlds of musical performance and Judaism.

#### CANTOR HERMAN IS THE SON OF BAT YAM CONGREGANTS BLUMA AND DONALD



Cantor Randy Herman

HERMAN. He was raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan and attended the University of Michigan, majoring in theater and psychology. As a pianist, singer and songwriter, he has performed throughout the U.S. and abroad in nightclubs and festivals, at private events, and on live radio, and has worked extensively as a studio musician.

Cantor Herman spent a year of study in Jerusalem, and he received his cantorial investiture and Masters of Sacred Music from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City in 2008. For the last decade, he has served full time at *Bet Torah* in Mt. Kisco, N.Y (Northern Westchester), and has recently completed a CD of original songs, "Moving Through Time." He married Nicole in 2016; their daughter Kaya was born this past April.

#### FEDERATION BREAKFAST ON DECEMBER 9

The Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties will hold its 2018 Community Breakfast on Sunday, December 9, from 10 a.m. to noon at The Landings, 4571 South Landings Drive in Ft. Myers. The program is "A Musical Journey – Live Music from Some of Your Favorite Jewish Artists." The cost is \$25 per person. Reservations must be made by November 30. *Bat Yam* has reserved two tables. Contact Debbie Sanford at 239-481-4449 or <a href="debbiesanford@jfedlccc.org">debbiesanford@jfedlccc.org</a> and ask to be seated at the *Bat Yam* tables.

# RABBI FUCHS TO SPEAK IN JANUARY "JEWISH DAY OF LEARNING" PROGRAM

Rabbi Stephen Fuchs will speak at the third annual "Jewish Community Day of Learning" on Sunday, January 20, 2019. The theme for this program sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples is "Building Hope." Rabbi Fuchs' topic will be "Prisoners of Hope." The other speaker is David Prager, Southern Regional Director for the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The event will be at Temple Shalom at 4630 Pine Ridge Road in Naples. The schedule is as follows:

9:15-9:45 a.m. Registration

9:45-10:00 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks 10:00-10:45 a.m. Rabbi Fuchs, "Prisoners of Hope"

10:45-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00-11:45 a.m. David Prager, "Hope Lives When People Remember"

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch. Attendees may bring their own (no pork or shellfish) or

purchase lunch for \$10 (vegetarian or turkey only; no special dietary

needs can be accommodated).

12:30-1:00 p.m. Discussion of James Gryme's book *Violins of Hope* by

Rene and Sam Giest and Linda and Alex Wertheim

1:00-1:45 p.m. Concert – "Voices of Hope - Music and Poetry of the Holocaust with

violinist Rachel Cox, accompanied on piano by Mary Seal

1:45-2:00 p.m. Final remarks

The cost of the event is \$18. For reservations, call 239-263-4205 or contact Renee Bialek at <a href="mailto:rbialek@jewishnaples.org">rbialek@jewishnaples.org</a> or <a href="mailto:info@jewishnaples.org">info@jewishnaples.org</a>.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ONEG HOSTING**

One co-host is needed for January 4 and February 22.

Two hosts are needed for February 8 and 15<sup>th</sup> and March 1, 8, 15, and 29

Please contact Myra Klahr at 917-270-4905 or <a href="mailto:lingosmart@gmail.com">lingosmart@gmail.com</a> if you wish to volunteer for any of these dates.

# PASTOR JOHN DANNER'S CLASSES INTRODUCE JANUARY SHARED SCHOLAR PRESENTATIONS

The Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, Senior Pastor of *Bat Yam's* host church, SCUCC, is presenting two classes to introduce the 2019 Shared Scholar, the Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell, and his subject. The first class was on November 28; the second class will be on Wednesday, December 5 at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at SCUCC. Using Dr. Newell's *The Book of Creation* as a text, Dr. Danner will review the upcoming Shared Scholar's biography and provide a basic outline of his understandings of Celtic spirituality. A limited number of books are available in the church office for \$10.

The topic of Dr. Newell's Shared Scholar Lecture on Thursday, January 24, at 7 p.m. in the SCUCC sanctuary will be "Faiths Finding Faith in Each Other." A reception and book signing will follow.



Dr. John Philip Newell, the 2019 Shared Scholar

## The Shared Scholar lecture is usually scheduled for Sunday afternoon; please note the change of day and time.

Then on Friday, January 25, at 10 a.m., Newell will lead the Shared Scholar Seminar entitled, "A Celtic Vision of the Sacred Earth." Lunch at no charge will follow. Registration is required for the seminar on Saturday, but is not necessary for Friday evening's lecture. Sign up for the seminar in Fellowship Hall, call the church at 239-472-0497, or contact *Bat Yam's* Shared Scholar Committee members Marcia Rudin or Renee Sugar.

Dr. Newell, an ordained Church of Scotland minister, is a poet, peacemaker, and scholar and is internationally acclaimed for his work in the field of Celtic spirituality. In 2011 he received the Contemplative Voices Award from the Shalem Institute in Washington, D.C., in recognition of his commitment to spirituality and peacemaking. He divides his time between Edinburgh, which is where his family home is, and his many speaking engagements throughout the English-speaking world. Formerly Warden of Iona Abbey in the Western Isles of Scotland, he is now Companion Theologian for the American Spirituality Center of Casa del Sol at Ghost Ranch in the high desert of New Mexico. He is co-founder of *Salva Terra*: A Vision Towards Earth's Healing. His Ph.D. is from the University of Edinburgh. He has authored more than fifteen books. For more information, visit www.salvaterravision.org.

The Shared Scholar Committee is co-sponsored by *Bat Yam*, Captiva Chapel by the Sea, The Christian Science Church of Sanibel, Saint Michael and All Angels, and Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. *Bat Yam's* sponsorship is provided by the Leo Rosner Foundation in honor of June Rosner.

#### **BAT YAM RITUAL COMMITTEE**

Bat Yam has recently formed a ritual committee. The members are Ben Yokel, Norma Kohn, Nancy and Eddie Greenberg, and myself as Chair.

Our main task is to invite members to enjoy honors during our *Shabbat* services. To that end, please let one of us know if you have an upcoming *Simcha*, or if family are visiting, so we can celebrate by offering you and your family honors on their special event.

Even without a special occasion, we would appreciate your letting us know if you have a wish to participate in any of the honors available during *Shabbats*. We are an extended family, and we would like wide participation.

Thank you, and looking forward to hearing from you.

Tanya Hochschild, Chair, Ritual Committee

#### WHERE IN THE WORLD IS RABBI SOIFER?

November overflowed with various Panamanian independence days. That meant many "days off" from school for the innumerable local parades. I found a few days to teach my primary grade classes about the celebration of Thanksgiving. And I had THREE Thanksgiving dinners to attend!

School vacation officially begins the middle of December, and I'm planning a trip to Colombia—a week helping a U.S. medical team that is coming to perform cataract surgeries, and a week-long cowboy/girl camp for my students... complete with country line dancing!

You can follow my Peace Corps activities in Panama on my blog, which can be reached by going to WhereintheWorldisMyra.wordpress.com.



One aspect of Rabbi Myra Soifer's multiple Thanksgiving festivities

Rabbi Myra Soifer

### REFUAH SH'LEMA, BEST WISHES FOR HEALING TO ...

Adele Anish, Miriam Bailey, Russ Bilgore, Roselyn Kraus, Howard Mayer, Martin Pokedoff, Alan Saltz (son of Jocelyn and Peter Saltz), Carol Scheiber, William Schlackman, Orlene Shimberg, Frank Siegel, Arlyn Stein, Irwin Stein, Joel Sugar, and Renee Sugar

#### **DECEMBER YAHRTZEITS**

December 1	Seymour Lubetkin, brother of Bernard Lubetkin
December 2	Marvin Joel Salus, brother of Edina Lessack
December 2	Urbana Escandon, mother-in-law of Kathy Zoss
December 3	Harry Kohn, father of Jack Kohn
December 6	Henny Karasin, mother of Elissa Karasin Samet
December 7	Max Amdur, father of Judy Adler
December 11	Murray Edinburg, father of Joel Edinburg
December 16	Zelda Edinburg, mother of Joel Edinburg
December 27	Goldie Bialy, mother of Norma Kohn
December 31	Francisco Rebon, father-in-law of Kathy Zoss

#### SAVE THESE DATES

Wednesday, December 12 (10 a.m.) – Social Action Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2019 (7 p.m.) – Shared Scholar Lecture
Friday, January 25 (10 a.m.) – Shared Scholar Seminar and lunch
Sunday, February 24, 2019 (4 p.m.) – A Sanibel Celebration: Three Cantors and a Pastor
April 29 to May 10 – Joint *Bat Yam* and SCUCC trip to Israel

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO BAT YAM**

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#### **Oneg Shabbat Fund**

June Rosner and Russell Bilgore

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Tanya and Michael Hochschild Lois and Howard Lorsch

#### **Security Fund**

June Rosner

#### **Yahrtzeits**

Edina Lessack for Yahrtzeit of her brother Howard Salus

#### MISCELLANEOUS...

The *Bat Yam* membership committee needs volunteers to help staff the welcome table at the door next season. If you are able to help, contact Cheryl Fulmer at 732-780-2016 or Fulmer.Cheryl@gmail.com.

To make changes in your contact information on the *Bat Yam* membership roster, contact

Brandon Minsky at Brandon@bitservicesfl.com.

Email Cheryl Fulmer at Fulmer.Cheryl@gmail.com with any Bat Yam news you wish to have published in L'Chayim, the Federation newsletter, and/or local Sanibel newspapers. The L'Chayim deadline for any month's issue is midweek of the first week of the previous month. The Island Reporter deadline is the beginning of the week before the desired issue.

Contact Irene Skolnick at <a href="irkul42@gmail.com">irkul42@gmail.com</a> or 239-472--2217 for changes to your Yahrtzeit list or if you have donated to Bat Yam but have not received an acknowledgement.

*Tzedakah* cards that can be used for many occasions may be purchased for \$45 for five cards. Your donations contribute to *Bat Yam's Tzedakah* funds. Contact Rene Sugar at <a href="mailto:rsugar05@gmail.com">rsugar05@gmail.com</a>.

Have you noticed a change in the layout of this issue of *Bat Yam* Matters? This is due to the efforts of Barbara Freeman, best known to *Bat Yam* members as the mother of our wonderful musical accompanist, Abigail Allison. Barbara has joined with *Bat Yam* Matters editor Marcia Rudin to produce our newsletter. Welcome, Barbara.

Please check to see if your contact information on the *Bat Yam* membership list is up to date. You can access the list at <a href="https://www.batyam.org">www.batyam.org</a> and click on the membership list.

#### **BAT YAM, TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS**

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